

STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LANSING



August 25, 2008

<u>MEMORANDUM</u>

TO:

Local and Intermediate School District Superintendents, Public School

Academy Directors, and Nonpublic School Administrators

FROM:

Mike Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction

SUBJECT: 2009 Michigan Schools of Character Awards

The Michigan Department of Education would like to announce the availability of the 2009 Schools of Character application. If your school or district has an outstanding character education initiative, or if you are ready to serve as a model and leader for other educators, your school may be considered for a State Schools of Character Award.

If your school is selected as a Michigan School of Character, it is a preliminary step toward the Character Education Partnership's National Schools of Character awards program. Winners of this national competition receive up to \$10,000. Apply today to be recognized as a State, and possibly National, School or District of Character. Go to www.michigan.gov/cshsp under "What's New;" or, www.character.org/nsoc for more information and to download the Michigan School of Character application.

For more information, please contact Pat Tibbetts, Michigan Schools of Character Coordinator, at pattibbetts@sbcglobal.net. The application deadline is December 8, 2008.

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